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12 July 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contact With Sr. Manuel Antonio DE VARGA
11 July 1961

1. In response to a call to Bender from VARGA, the undersigned called VARGA 11 July 1961 at the Roosevelt Hotel, Washington, D.C., Room 707, and in the course of the conversation VARGA brought up the following points:

- a. The problem of the magistrates.
b. The problem of BREWER.

c. The problem of three of the prisoners from the invasion force who are in the United States in connection with the truce negotiations and who, Sr. VARGA stated, are "stranded" at the Harriett Hotel. VARGA would like \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00 to send these three men to New York and back to Miami in connection with their efforts.

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2. VARGA also referred to a plan to send three Cubans, including a labor leader, on an anti-CASTRO mission to Latin America at a cost of about \$6,500.00 for each person. He also referred to the reported promises of support for himself and his family, referring to "Fidel", "Castro" and "Bender" as those who had guaranteed the claimed support. OS

3. VARGA's approach on the matters of the magistrates and BREWER was the same as that taken by HERO.

4. Either through ARAGON or HERO, or both, VARGA knows of a contact between the undersigned as Raymond S. Clark and HERO and ARAGON.

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